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LAI-PIN -- CHEN-NAN-KUAN RR LINE COMPLETE -- Hong Kong, Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 5 Nov 51

Peiping, 4 November, (Hsin-hua) -- Minister of Railways T'eng Tai-yuan, speaking at the first meeting of the National Committee of the People's Political Consultative Conference, reported the following information concerning the Lai-pin -- Chen-nan-kuan railway line:

Construction of the 420-kilometer Lai-Chen Line, from Lai-pin to P'ing-hsiang, which was begun during the latter half of 1950, has been completed; its whole length is passable for work trains.

NO REGULAR PASSENGER, FREIGHT SERVICE YET -- Hong Kong Hsing-tao Jih-pao, 6 Nov 51

Nan-ning (special correspondent) -- The construction of the Lai-pin -- Chen-nan-kuan section of the Hunan-Kwangsi railway line was completed during October 1951; the Nan-ning -- Ming-chiang section during the middle 10 days of October, and the Ming-chiang -- Chen-nan-kuan section during the last 10 days of October. Construction of some few remaining large bridges is expected to be completed by the end of November.

The entire line is passable for trains, but passenger and freight services are not yet in operation. The railway authorities are, however, planning to begin both passenger and freight services, connecting with all the main lines in China, beginning 15 November 1951.

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REPORTS PEIPING-VIET NAM LINE OPEN -- Saigon, Le Journal d'Extreme Orient,
13 Nov 51

Hong Kong -- Chinese Communist authorities have announced the opening of the Nan-ning--Chen-nan-kuan railway which, from a point on the Viet Nam frontier, leads via Nan-ning, Heng-yang, and Hankow, to Peiping.

The Peiping Jen-min Jih-pao published a statement of the Minister of Railways in which he said that the work on this railway, which began in mid 1950, is now completed.

The Journal d'Extreme Orient adds that, according to an unofficial source, the Viet Minh have already begun working on the construction of an extension of the railway into the interior of the Tonkin region.

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